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Belleville resident crowned Mrs. Michigan

Mrs. Motor City, Shaylett Stuckey of Belleville, was crowned Mrs. Michigan America 2015.

Stuckey was crowned Mrs. Michigan America 2015 on March 28 in Grandville where she competed with women from across the state.

Stuckey holds a bachelor's degree in business management. She works as a sales consultant, entrepreneur and recording artist. Stuckey has been married 21 years and has two children.

The new Mrs. Michigan involves herself in her community both personally and professionally by working with the National Association of Professional Women, eWomen Network, Michigan Small Business Association, NorthRidge Church, the Parent Teacher Organization and University of Parenting. She said she is dedicated to advocating for Work At Home Moms through support of and membership in the Direct Selling Association.

Lorilee Gute, left, fourth runner up; Jackie Blankenship, first runner up; Mrs. Michigan winner Shaylett Stuckey; Christina Ackerman, second runner up and Stacey Davis, third runner up demonstrate the smiles that took them to the 38th Mrs. American Pageant last month.

Stuckey told the judges that she believes it's "never too late to follow your dreams," and said she "is thrilled to represent the 83 counties making up our great state."

In addition to earning the title of Mrs. Michigan America 2015, Stuckey also received the Interview Award, Spirit of Pageantry Award and a prize package valued at more than $30,000, including an expense paid trip to compete for the title of Mrs. America.

Now celebrating its 38th year in its modern format, the Mrs. America Pageant focuses the attention of the nation and the world on the versatility of the contemporary American married woman. Each of the 51 Mrs. America candidates earns the right to participate in the national event by winning her statewide competition.

Plymouth Township board names supervisor

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *"Tonight, four members of the township board put politics ahead of people."*

During a raucous meeting peppered with fiery comments from the audience Thursday, members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees confirmed Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price as their selection for interim township supervisor.

Price's appointment had been rumored for months as the choice of Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and the members of the local Republican Party Committee, many of whom were in the audience.

Price will replace beleaguered former Supervisor Richard Reaume who submitted his resignation last month. Reaume, under threat of recall, sent his resignation from Florida where he purchased two homes recently as speculation grew he would leave his $111,000 job.

During the meeting, chaired for the second time in a week by Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman, audience members made fervent requests and pleas to the board for public input into the selection. Several expressed outrage about what they called "a sick mockery of the democratic process."

Conzelman asked township attorney Kevin Bennett and Fire Chief Dan Phillips to tabulate the point scores of each of the final eight candidates. The rating methodology was agreed to during an emotional meeting Tuesday. Each of the six remaining board members was instructed to choose their top three candidates, awarding three points to the candidate they felt most qualified, two to their second choice and a single point to their third choice.

Edwards, who reportedly brokered Price as Reaume's replacement months ago with local Republican committee leader Mike Mitchell, gave Price three points, as did Conzelman and Trustee Kay Arnold. Mike Kelly, a trustee who many viewed as a possible swing voter, gave Price two points.

Bennett announced the point totals, asking each trustee to confirm their vote. Price was first with 11 points followed by Ray Byers and Mark Cord for second. Byers, a former Wayne County official, Cord a banking and finance manager, each received six points.

"I'm humbled...there's a lot of work to do and I'm going to have to prove myself," Price said after the meeting.

Byers said that the results were not surprising.

"The results were predictable," Byers said with a smile right after the meeting. Byers who celebrated his 72nd birthday earlier that day said other than the meeting on March 31 he hadn't been to board meeting since the 70s.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, the first candidate to declare his interest in the job, and the obvious favorite of the audience, was obviously disappointed in the selection and the process.

"Tonight, four members of the township board put politics ahead of people. They appointed someone who moved here two months ago, with no relevant education, and very little experience," Heise said. "There were clearly other candidates with superior public and private sector backgrounds.

"Apparently, it's not a matter of what you know, but who you know. No wonder people are so cynical about politics nowadays," he added.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who also expressed his interest in the job, was also visibly upset at the choice of the board. He said that Reaume's resignation to make room for Price was openly discussed throughout the township and on the internet for months. Arnold attempted to rebut Doroshewitz' claims which prompted criticism from Conzelman.

Shannon Price

Doroshewitz said he had a right to express his opinion despite Conzelman's attempts to quiet him. After loudly casting his no vote on Price's appointment, Doroshewitz took off his microphone, put on his hat and abruptly left the meeting.

"I arrived hopeful that there would be open discussion and we would come together to reach a consensus. It was clear to me that it was fixed when Price was appointed without a single word from any who supported him," Doroshewitz said after the meeting.

The voting tally followed the usual pattern with Arnold, Conzelman and Edwards, who are all facing a recall effort, voting as a block. Kelly also voted yes on Price's appointment while Doroshewitz and Trustee Chuck Curmi, also a candidate for the supervisor's position, voted no.

Annual 'Bomber Buffing' set for this Saturday

Volunteers of all ages participate in the annual Bomber Buffing at the Yankee Air Museum.

Spring cleaning takes on a whole new meaning at the Yankee Air Museum when area residents are invited to the Annual Bomber Buffing event.

This is the 20th year for the event when local volunteers descend on the hangars and polish the vintage aircraft to a high gloss. This year the event is bigger than ever, organizers said, because the C-47 Skytrain Yankee Doodle Dandy will be one of the aircraft being shined. The four engine B-17 heavy bomber Yankee Lady and twin engine B-25 medium bomber Yankee Warrior are also on the west side of Willow Run Airport, in Hangar 1, Bay 8 and need their aluminum skin polished. Winter inspections and maintenance are complete, the planes have been washed and this is the last step in preparing for the 2015 flying and air show season.

There is no cost to participate in this event that will continue from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Fueling the event, a Hungry Howie's Pizza

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Canton - Plymouth

Canton to host Acts of Culture Week

Canton will once again focus a spotlight on arts and culture during the 5th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week. The activities, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage and sponsored by Canton Community Foundation, will begin on Friday, April 24 and continue through Sunday, May 3, at various community locations.

In celebration of the arts, a variety of events have been planned, including:

The Michigan Philharmonic performance of "Middle Eastern Fusion Fest," featuring music of the Middle East such as Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade: The Young Prince and The Young Princess," Oztoprak's "Zuzdil Samai" and "Arabian Waltz" by Rabih Abou-Khalil. A special guest will be Michael Ibrahim, music director of the National Arab Orchestra. The concerts will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for seniors and youth and can be purchased online at www.michiganphil.org or by contacting the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112.

The 5th Annual Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition Reception at D & M Art Studio, located at 8691 N. Lilley Road, from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26. The reception will be hosted by Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, owner/operator of D & M Art Studio, and will include recent original works by Dillenbeck and her daughters, Erin and Kristin, and her sister Donna Knight. Additional works will also be on display from Marilyn Meredith, Vivian Hewitt, Elizabeth Gullikson, Deana Salhaney, Kyla Suchy, Teresa Davis and Kay Masini. For more information, visit www.dmartstudio.com.

Canton Concert Band Spring Concert, "Flight of Fancy," will feature pieces that will take listeners on an imaginary flight through the sky and will range from Rossano Galante's "Beyond the Horizon" and "Mt. Everest" to Samuel Hazo's composition "Rush." This special performance will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Community members are also encouraged to support the following weekend events, including:

Canton Club 55+ "Cinco de Mayo Celebration" from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 in the Summit on the Park's Walnut Room, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. This event features a delicious "south of the border" buffet, cash bar and entertainment. Biggby Coffee is sponsoring a five-member Tejano band, Grupo Fantasia. Tickets are $39 per person, $72 per couple, $280 for table of eight. Register online at www.cantonfun.org, in person at the Club 55+ Front Desk or by calling (734) 394-5485.

"Acts of Fashion - Fashion Show" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton , MI 48187. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are $12 per person and are available at www.actsoffashion.com or by calling (734) 612-2041. Children 6 and under are admitted at no cost.

A complete calendar of the 5th annual Canton Acts of Culture Week events is available at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, call (734) 394-5360.

Plymouth library adds new online history portal

Everything old is new again at the Plymouth District Library where a new online local history portal has been launched.

The portal, http://plymouthlibrary.org, includes an index covering the local weekly newspaper, The Plymouth Mail, that will provide access to the history and heritage of Plymouth and the surrounding communities from 1887 - 1914.

The first issue of the Plymouth Mail was published on Sept. 16, 1887 and it contained extensive news regarding people, places and happenings in and around not only Plymouth, but much of western Wayne County.

Since 1990, library volunteers have viewed microfilmed copies of The Plymouth Mail, indexing names, events, businesses, organizations and advertisements. This index covers the years 1887 - 1914, and is now fully searchable on the local history portal - http://history.plymouthlibrary.org.

Community organizations and individuals will find the portal efficient and valuable.

"In a small town, newspapers are often the only source we have for information," explained Heidi Nielsen, archivist of the Plymouth Historical Museum. "Being able to search the Plymouth Mail by date and keywords on-line is going to make researching so much easier than using microfilm. The hard part is going to be remaining on topic, because the old papers are so much fun to read!"

The information students need to understand local history and to learn to value the foundation upon which Plymouth was built, will be easily accessible through the local history portal. Darrin Silvester, Salem High School Social Studies teacher, has used the index.

"For a decade my students and I have worked to preserve aspects of our community's rich history. For two community-based projects, I searched the online index and found hundreds of useful leads to further our work and research," he commented.

This research tool is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the Detroit Recreation Department. The City of Detroit's Recreation Department facilitates the MCACA minigrant programs.

Rake-N-Go volunteers sought to aid seniors

The Plymouth Community United Way is seeking volunteers for the semi-annual Rake-n-go set for April 25.

Twice each year, volunteers visit homes in the Plymouth and Canton communities to help seniors and others unable to care for their yards. This year, about 70 such neighbors will be helped by volunteers who rake leaves and debris, pull weeds, bag up the refuse and are on their way.

The program has been a part of the United Way efforts in the local community since 2006. One year, according to Linda Chomin, community relations associate at United Way, there were nearly 400 volunteers helping the effort.

Chomin said that many volunteers bring their families along for the day. Volunteers should bring rakes, garden tools, hedge trimmers and gloves, all clearly marked with the owner's name. United Way will supply yard waste bags for disposal of debris and yard refuse.

To register as a volunteer or to request help, call (734) 453-6879, Ext. 7 or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Plymouth Community United Way has served Plymouth, Canton and the western Wayne County area since 1944. For more information or to learn about giving or volunteering, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Fire department seeks federal grants

The combined Wayne-Westland Fire Departments are seeking a total of $3.5 million in federal grants to add firefighters to the current roster.

While the departments are combined, each community pays for the firefighters in their own community. They share Fire Chief Mike Reddy and other administrative costs, but staffing expenses are the responsibility of the two communities.

In Wayne, members of the city council approved an application through a federal program, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) for funding to add six firefighters. Currently, Wayne has only 12 full-time firefighters a roster below the number specified in the current union contract.

Wayne has requested $1.2 million to fund six firefighters for two years.

In Westland, the council unanimously approved the application through SAFER for a grant of $2.3 million to fund 13 firefighters. If approved, the additional staff would bring the Westland roster to 67, which would restore levels reduced by funding cuts and attrition, according to officials.

Reddy said that Wayne could be in a better position to receive the grant funding as it is a financially distressed community. Currently, Wayne faces a $600,000 budget deficit with a looming shortfall of $1.5 -$2 million predicted for the next budget cycle.

Westland, however, has a $5.5 million fund balance, which could impact the decision on the grants. Reddy said that the grant would bring Westland up to the staffing requirements of the National Fire Protection Agency.

The grants are expected to be announced in July.

The federal funding would pay salaries of firefighters for two years. One grant condition is a guarantee of no department layoffs during the duration of the grant, according to federal documents.

Wayne Mayor James Hawley said the grant would be welcome in Wayne where it would allow the city to have two firefighters on duty for each shift. He added that the current overtime forced on the 12 firefighters is a stress factor in the department. He added that the additional firefighters could mean additional revenue from patient transport, which could be as much at $650,000. He added that the fire department is currently a $2.4 million annual expense in Wayne.

Mayor presents $62 million balanced budget

Westland Mayor William R. Wild presented his second consecutive three-year balanced budget to members of the city council last week.

Wild proposed the $62 million budget, which includes a $5.6 million fund balance by June of next year, during an evening study session March 30.

"As the budget process continues, we continue to look for creative ways to add to the city's budget surplus," said Wild. "Operational savings coupled with increased revenues has allowed us to add close to a half million dollars to our surplus."

The proposed budget anticipates a 1.65 percent increase in property tax revenue, the highest in seven years, along with continued receipt of State Economic Vitality Incentive Program funding and a small increase in State Constitutional revenue sharing. Wild said the current shared fire services with Wayne and dispatch services with Wayne, Inkster and Garden City will continue to help the city qualify for additional revenue sharing funds.

Staffing changes included in the budget included additions in the public safety department included the hiring of four additional police officers, partially funded by a federal C.O.P.S. grant and three fire fighters.

"Balancing consecutive multi-year budgets has been possible because we drastically changed the way Westland has done business," Wild said. "This budget allows us to conservatively add additional public safety employees and I want to thank the city council, employees, and the unions for their hard work and commitment to the city.

"Their efforts over the last seven years have been remarkable in many ways, leading us out of the depths of what could have been a debilitating recession," added Wild.

The budget also includes funding for a new fire rescue vehicle and future renovations to the Mike Modano Ice Arena and the Westland Police Department.

Drill down

Cadets from the Wayne Memorial High School Junior Officer Training Corps (JROTC) traveled to Fort Knox, KY to participate in the Regional Drill competition last month. The region consists of 209 schools in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Indiana, and Tennessee. Once again the cadets demonstrated their Wayne Pride, according to Steven E. La Haine, First Sergeant (Ret.), US Army Senior Army Instructor. La Haine said the Wayne students placed as runners up in both the Academic and Exhibition Drill Competitions. In the March 14 and 15 competition, cadets Doug Chuong, Briona Nelson, and Maia Bowen all placed in the top 20 in the individual drill competition against more than 800 other cadets. Cadet Michael Alderman was also the individual runner-up in the Academic Competition. The group will now compete at the National Championship at Louisville, KY this month.

Garbage bins are recalled

Westland residents who have cracked, split or broken garbage containers supplied by the city will have them replaced at no charge.

Mayor William R. Wild said that the company which supplied more than 25,000 garbage "toters" will be replacing all the carts found to be defective. Wild said that the company discovered that poor quality resin was used in the manufacture of some of the bins which resulted in the defective toters. The company, Toter, LLC, said the resin did not meet their company quality control standards.

The new bins can be identified with an R serial number, Wild said. All the bins or toters came with a 10-year warranty, he added.

The new bins will arrive this month and residents who may have a defective bin or toter are asked to call the Westland Department of Public Service at (734) 728-1770 to request a replacement. City employees will deliver the replacements.

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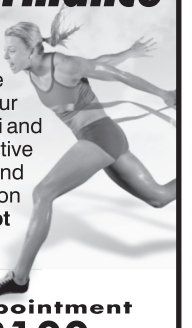

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Inkster - Northville

Legislators support grant to Inkster Fire Department

The quick actions of Inkster firefighters saved the life of a 35-year-old man trapped in a house fire last week despite the heavy black smoke and raging flames in a warren of hallways and additions to the building. The firefighters also managed to resuscitate the dog of another resident of the home and reunite the pet with his 77-year-old owner.

Those heroic actions took place only one day before State Sen. David Knezek (D-Dearborn Heights) and Rep. Julie Plawecki (D-Dearborn Heights) released a joint letter calling upon the federal government to reward over $1.8 million of federal grant money to the Western-Wayne Fire Authority that would specifically fund fire service for city of Inkster. The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants were created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

"The City of Inkster has been under tremendous financial stress the last couple of years. We have an obligation to fight for our community so that everyone can enjoy the essential public services they deserve," said Knezek. "After the WWFA submitted its initial grant request, Representative Plawecki and I drafted this letter to support the efforts that are being made at the local level to ensure that Inkster residents receive the quality public services that they deserve."

The letter was addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Michigan Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, Congressman John Conyers, Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, and the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs in the White House.

"Inkster residents would be better served by the increased staffing and faster response times this grant would provide," said Plawecki. "The awarding of this grant would have a significant positive impact on improving safety in our community, and we encourage FEMA to look upon this application with favor."According to Inkster Fire Chief John D. Adams the actions of the firefighters merited the attention of the legislators.

" The patient had on two occasions gone into a Pulseless electrical activity rhythm (PEA) due to his extreme exposure to carbon monoxide from the heavy smoke," Adams said. Inkster paramedics were able to stabilize the patient and restore his breathing while enroute to the hospital."

Northville firefighters will receive new safety gear

Just in time for the Easter holiday, firefighters in Northville Township learned they will be receiving new outfits, including pants, jackets and suspenders.

The new apparel might now have been appropriate for the Easter Parade as the pants, jackets and suspenders are part of structural firefighting gear recommended by the National Fire Protection Association to ensure the safety and capabilities of the public safety workers.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees approved the $58,525 bid of Apollo Fire Equipment Co. of Michigan for the 31 sets of gear last month.

Northville Township Deputy Director of Fire Service Richard Marinucci said safety standards for fire gear has changed or been updated since the last sets were purchased by the township. He told the board of trustees that the new outfits would improve firefighter safety and also improve the ability of the firefighters to provide service as the new gear is lighter weight and offers better temperature protection.

He added that the gear had been tested by members of the township department and found to be an improvement over the outdated equipment. The newer hazard wear meets the standards of the National Fire Protection Association, he added.

Filmfest entries are sought

Entries are now being accepted for the 5th Annual Reel Michigan Film Festival planned for downtown Northville in June.

The event is part of the Arts and Acts Festival and will feature a diverse collection of Michigan-made short films beginning at 5 p.m. followed by a question and answer session with filmmakers.

Reel Michigan will accept Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short films, less than 20 minutes in length until the deadline April 17. All film genres are eligible, from student films to the experimental, organizers said. The entry form is available at http://northvillearthouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/.

'Hoppy' faces

These smiling faces were among the 40 Inkster children who participated in the 2015 Inkster Public Housing Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. Evonne Moore, president for the citizens in Inkster Public Housing and her staff organized the event in which the police and fire departments participated. In addition to the egg hunt and candy for the children, the fire department provided school supplies and fire safety educational coloring books at the event, an annual tradition in the city.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Thunder will roll into Belleville Memorial Day

Once again this year, an annual tradition will take place in Belleville on Memorial Day.

Thunder Rolls, the 11th annual motorcycle ride and Memorial Day service to honor veterans will take place May 25.

Organizers from David C. Brown Funeral Home, which sponsors the event, said that registration and line up for the ride will begin at 11 a.m. in the parking lot of the Belleville campus of Wayne County Community College. The college is located off Haggerty Road near I-94.

The motorcycle ride will begin at 1 p.m. from the college lot and end at the Veteran's Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. The park is located off Belleville Lake on High Street.

The memorial service will begin at about 2-2:30 p.m. after all the cyclists have arrived, organizers said.

The cost to ride in the event is $10 and each registered rider will receive a special commemorative pin.

"We remember, reflect and honor our veterans; past, present and future, who have given their all for our country," noted Kathie Steigerwald, one of the organizers of the event, in a prepared release.

For more information, contact Steigerwald at (313)570-6115 or (734) 697-4500.

Museum

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luncheon will be served for everyone. People are encouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft rags. Mothers Polishes, Waxes and Cleaners, Inc. has donated plenty of aluminum polish for people to use.

"Twenty years we've been doing this," exclaimed Ray Hunter, chairman of the Yankee Air Museum Board of Directors. "And it never gets old. I'm always amazed by the large crowd that comes out every April to help us and believe me, it's a big help."

Hunter says this polishing party is even more important because 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. It's also the 70th birthday of the Yankee Lady, which was delivered to the United States Army Air Forces on July 16, 1945.

"World War II Veterans are passing rapidly, the youngest might be 86 or 87 years old. We work very hard to keep our airplanes in top flight condition to honor them," continued Hunter. "Veterans, their children and grandchildren all marvel at these aircraft when we fly them into air shows and believe me they notice and appreciate the high gloss finish."

Hunter said he sees lots of families return year after year, but there are new faces, too. He attributes the excellent participation a sense of patriotism that people get when they get up close to the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress and North American B-25 Mitchell. These aircraft are never on display at the museum Collections and Exhibits Building on the east side of Willow Run Airport. Hunter also explained that each year the number of airworthy B-17s and B-25s declines. He estimates only seven to nine B-17s and maybe eight to ten B-25s will take to the skies in the United States this year.

"There's an added attraction this year, the Douglas C-47 Skytrain is also in the hangar and needing a shine," said Kevin Walsh, Yankee Air Museum executive director. "The museum will be announcing special sightseeing flights on board the C-47 real soon and we think the program will be a hit."

In planning the Bomber Buffing event, Walsh and the professional staff make sure the event is appealing to the whole family.

According to Walsh, logo merchandise and unique gifts will be available. Special membership incentives are planned for the day.

Yankee Air Museum security volunteers will be on hand to help direct free parking and access to the Bomber Buffing.

Hangar 1 is on the northwest side of the airfield. Follow the road signs for west and south access to Willow Run Airport to get to Hangar 1. Entry will be through the door under the awning of M2 Aircraft Management, Willow Run Airport, Kirk Profit Drive, Building 2601, Hangar 1, Ypsilanti, 48198. The event is free and open to the public.

Wrestlers plan benefit

Wolverine Pro Wrestling is hosting a fundraising wrestling exhibition to help a lifelong Romulus resident in her battle with stage four cancer.

Lee Tracy, the owner of Wolverine Pro Wrestling, said that he has known Cindi (Silvey) Hensley for more than 35 years and graduated from Romulus High School with her. Hensley, whose husband Glenn is also a lifelong Romulus resident, was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and the disease has now metastasized into her bones and spread to her liver, Tracy said, and she is currently hospitalized with a blood clot and multiple lesions in her liver.

He has organized the wrestling event to help defray some of the costs of his lifelong friend's medical bills and is calling the event Smackdown for Cindi.

There are 15 wrestlers who have agreed to participate in the six or seven matches planned for 6:30 p.m. May 24 at Roller Skate Park, 19750 Sumpter Road in Belleville. Tracy said professional wrestlers from as far away as Toronto will travel to fight for this cause, including WPW Champion Tyson Dux, Russ Jones, N8 Mattson and Abe Action Jackson.

Tickets for the event are priced at $12 for adults and $5 for children ages 6-13. Children younger than 5 will be admitted free.

"Cindi is a beautiful person," Tracy said, "she is a true fighter and that's why, if for only a day, we want to fight for her."

Spelling success

Wick Elementary School students in grades three, four and five recently participated in the annual school spelling bee. At the school-wide event, each grade awarded the top three spellers with medals, while the top 10 per grade received ribbons to recognize their achievement. The top three spellers in each grade also move on to the district spelling bee. Wick principal ShaVonna Johnson, at left, congratulates some of the spellers, third place fifth-grader Sabriyah McCord, second-place fifth grader Reginald Harper, fith grade first place winner Zalika Rivers and Tanya Cofield, the Romulus recreation coordinator and honorary spelling bee judge.

Artaffair entries sought

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is now accepting applications for the 5th Annual Artaffair on Main, which will take place on Main Street in downtown Belleville on July 25-26.

Artists who have current works of quality and want to sell their items will be accepted for the exhibition and sale. Several categories including fine arts and handcrafted art of original design and fine quality will be included in the show. All booths measure 10-feet by 10-feet there will be $1,000 in Best in Show awards.

Applications and additional information can be found at showmanager@artaffaironmain.

Library programs announced

Romulus Public Library has planned a series of programs for April.

The Second Monday Book Club will be reading Ahab's Wife by Sena Jeter Naslund and will meet at 7 p.m. April 13.

Author Teresa Irish will be speaking about her book "A Thousand Letters Home: One WWII Soldier's Story of War, Love and Life." At 6:30 p.m. April 20.

Following her father's death, Irish found packets of letters he wrote during his time in World War II. Her book is comprised of selections from those original letters placed into historical context with excerpts from the book 102d through Germany (published by the division in 1945.)

Jerry Hasspacher will be presenting an Earth Day program titled "Climate Change and You" at 6:30 p.m. April 30.

The environment is the basis of the web of life and a healthy environment can only be assured through environmentally knowledgeable citizens acting responsibly, Hasspacher said.

All programs are subject to change. Registration for the free event is available by visiting the library or by phone at (734) 942-7589. Space is limited. All programs will take place at the Romulus Public Library, located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

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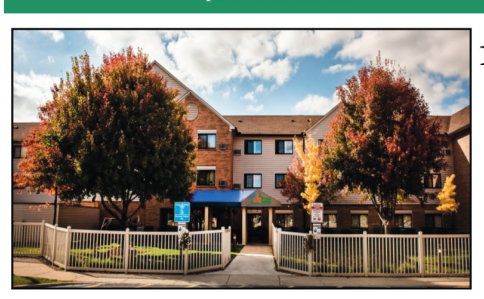

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Calendar of events

Tax preparation available

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The service is provided in cooperation with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Complicated and/or joint return appointments must be scheduled for morning appointments. Schedule an appointment by phone at (734) 394-5485.

Cruise raffle tickets on sale

Tickets for the 6th annual Michigan Philharmonic Cruise Raffle are now on sale. This year, the raffle prize is a Viking River Boat cruise - "The Danube Waltz" - sailing through European cities of Passau, Vienna, and Budapest Aug. 16-23 with an optional three-day pre-tour in the city of Prague. The raffle winner wins the Viking River Cruise for two in addition to round-trip airfare for two.

Tickets for the Cruise Raffle are $50 and only 400 will be sold. The drawing will take place April 11 at the Michigan Philharmonic Springtime Swan Song concert at the Village Theater. For cruise and raffle information, contact the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112 or www.michiganphil.org or Kate Rosevear and ask for MicPhil Cruise at Travel Leaders, 44427-B W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, (734) 455-5810 or 1 800 874-6470.

Benefit for school set

Grace Community Church will present Variations, a benefit to help support Grace Community School at 4 p.m. April 11.

The church is a multicultural, multiracial faith community, according to Pastor Bill Hales. The fundraiser will include music, poetry reading and other entertainment at a location to be determined, he said.

For more information visit gracecommunitychurch4u.com.

Tax preparation offered

AARP tax preparation will be offered free to Westland residents at the Friendship Center. This is a E-file service only and appointments are necessary.

Generally, the tax return service offered through AARP is for simple returns. Those individuals with lengthy returns, many rental properties or investments are encouraged to have a CPA or professional firm complete their returns. There is no age or income requirement. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

Taxes this year will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Call (734) 722-7628 for an appointment. Preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question regarding a return must be taken by a staff person, and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

Autism fundraiser planned

A fundraising event to benefit the autism programs at the Van Buren Public Schools, Burger School for Students with Autism and Webster Elementary School will take place beginning at 4 p.m. April 11 at the Van Buren Eagles Hall, 9961 Beck Road in Belleville.

Tickets are $20 if purchased in advance and $25 at the door. The evening will include 50/50 raffles, a social hour, presentations, dinner, a live auction and a DJ and karaoke.

For more information, contact (734) 629-7122.

Philharmonic concert set

The Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra will present the Springtime Swan Song concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. April 11 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The concert will feature Norman Fischer on cello and the music of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake.

For ticketing prices, purchase or information, call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.

QED presented in Plymouth

Barefoot Productions will present QED for one weekend only at the 240 N. Main St. in Plymouth.

Curtain time will be 8 p.m. April 10 and 11 and 2 p.m. April 12.

General admission is $15 or $13 for students with identification.

To order tickets, call the box office at (734)560-1493 or purchase them online at www.justgobarefoot.com.

The play is a nearly one-man show about physicist Richard Feyman's, life theories and experiences.

T-Ball registration under way

Registration is now under way for the City of Plymouth 5 and 6 year-olds co-ed T-Ball league.

Registration will continue until April 10 and will be accepted at recreation office during front counter hours, noon - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or online [https://plymouthwebtrac.net/].

First time users of the electronic registration system should email recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us to set up a user name and password or call (734) 455-6620.

Players must be born between July-December 2008, January-December 2009, or January-July 2010.

The recreation office is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Volunteer coaches are also needed and head coaches' children play for free. The fee for City of Plymouth residents is $65 and for non residents the fee is $85.

Church plans garage sale

SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road in Westland will host a garage sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 11.

There will be a $3 bag sale at 3 p.m.

All large items will be sold for half price during the bag sale.

Euchre Tournament set

The Canton Lions Club is planning a Spring Euchre Tournament to begin at 7 p.m. April 11 at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The club is located on the north side of Ann Arbor Road just east of the railroad viaduct.

Cash prices will be awarded to the top three players and there will be a raffle, a 50/50 raffle, pizza and snacks along with a cash bar at Elks Club pricing.

Cost for the event is $25 at the door or $20 if pre-registered. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

For more information, or to register, call (734) 981-4110 or email CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com.

All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the hearing and sight impaired in the Canton community.

Facebook research is topic

Katherine R. Willson of Ann Arbor, a highly acclaimed and professionally-trained national public speaker, will address the use of Facebook to complete genealogical research at the April 12 meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge and will take place from 1:15-4:30 p.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, in Northville. The roundtable Things I Wish I'd Known When I Started will begin at 1:15 p.m., a business meeting at 2:15 p.m., followed by Willson's presentation at 3 p.m.

Individual help on genealogy is offered in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library from 1-3 p.m. Mondays and also by appointment.

For more information contact Mary Hazlett at (734) 459-5493.

Earth Day at library

Jazmine Danci from the city of Romulus will be the guest at Family Story Time at the Romulus Public Library at 6:30 p.m. April 14.

Danci will read stories to children and help children with an Earth Day craft.

The program is free but families are asked to sign up as space is limited.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Raising caterpillars discussed

Witness Metamorphosis: Raising Caterpillars will be the topic of Jed Bromfield at the meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association at 7 p.m. April 15 at the Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

There is a $3 fee for non-members to attend. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail.

For more information, call (734) 223-5510, or visit www.sembabutterfly.org.

Lions alumni play basketball

Members of the Detroit Lions Alumni team will take on the Northville Mustangs alumni in a basketball game beginning at 7 p.m. April 17 at Northville High School.

The game is a fundraiser for substance abuse prevention and is suitable for the entire family.

Players will be available for autographs and there will be prize drawings and a 50/50 raffle. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Announcing the game will be Blaine Fowler from 96.3 WDVD.

Tickets are priced at $5 and can be purchased at the door or the Northville High School Athletics office or Hiller's on Center Street in Northville.

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